

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 TRIPOL 00872 01 OF 02 230628Z
ACTION NEA-11

INFO OCT-01 AF-10 EUR-12 EA-12 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00
PM-05 H-02 INR-10 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-02
SP-02 SS-15 ICA-20 /110 W
-----026193 230659Z /11

R 221440Z JUN 78
FM AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5590
INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA
AMEMBASSY ANTANANARIVO
AMEMBASSY ATHENS
AMEMBASSY BERLIN
AMEMBASSY CANBERRA
AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM
AMEMBASSY LOME
AMEMBASSY NDJAMENA
AMEMBASSY NIAMEY
AMEMBASSY NOUAKCHOTT
AMEMBASSY SOFIA
AMEMBASSY TUNIS
AMEMBASSY WARSAW

UNCLAS SECTION 1 OF 2 TRIPOLI 0872

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PEPR, PINR, LY
SUBJECT: TRIPOLI WATCH: COMINGS AND GOINGS JUNE 11-20, 1978

I. ARRIVALS --

1. AUSTRALIA. LOCAL MEDIA GAVE RELATIVELY PROMINENT COVERAGE TO THE VISIT TO LIBYA JUNE 14-17 OF IAN SMITH, AGRICULTURAL MINISTER FOR THE STATE OF VICTORIA. SCHEDULE INCLUDED VISITS TO AUSTRALIAN DRY-FARMING PROJECT IN THE BENGHAZI REGION. PRESS ALSO NOTED VISIT BY A DELEGATION OF WOMEN JOURNALISTS AND A MEETING OF THE SO-CALLED AUSTRALIAN-LIBYAN FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY. THESE ARE THE LATEST IN A RASH OF AUSTRALIAN VISITS
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 TRIPOL 00872 01 OF 02 230628Z

OVER THE PAST SIX MONTHS BELIEVED TO BE BASICALLY COMMERCIALY MOTIVATED. SOME OF THE VISITORS HAVE BEEN OUTSPOKEN IN SUPPORT OF THE IDEOLOGY OF THE QADHAFI REVOLUTION.

2. CHAD/FROLINAT. RADIO TRIPOLI REPORTED JUNE 14 THAT FOREIGN SECRETARY TURAYKI RECEIVED IBRAHIM YUSIF, THE

VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR EXTERNAL POLITICAL RELATIONS OF THE "UNITED CHADIAN FRONT." THE PRESS ALSO NOTED THAT IBRAHIM WAS HEAD OF THE FRONT'S DELEGATION TO THE RECONCILIATION TALKS WHICH HAD ORIGINALLY BEEN SCHEDULED TO RESUME JUNE 7. THE SUBJECT OF THE DISCUSSION WAS DESCRIBED AS "NEGOTIATIONS AND METHODS OF APPLYING THE BENGHAZI AGREEMENT TO GUARANTEE PEACE AND SECURITY IN CHAD." IBRAHIM'S RECEPTION BY TURAYKI WAS SOMEWHAT UNUSUAL AS FOREIGN SECRETARY NORMALLY RECEIVES ONLY OFFICIAL GOVERNMENTAL DELEGATIONS. IN THE PAST, IBRAHIM HAS BEEN RECEIVED PRINCIPALLY BY THE HEAD OF THE ARAB LIAISON BUREAU OF THE GENERAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS.

3. GREECE. A DELEGATION REPRESENTING THE "CRETE BRANCH" OF THE GREEK-LIBYAN FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY WAS REPORTED BY THE PRESS JUNE 12 TO BE VISITING LIBYA IN CONNECTION WITH "AMERICAN EVACUATION DAY" CEREMONIES. DELEGATION IS ALSO INVESTIGATING POSSIBILITY OF LIBYAN INVESTMENT IN A JOINT FISHERIES PROJECT IN CRETE ACCORDING TO DIPLOMATIC SOURCES HERE. AS REPORTED IN TRIPOLI 0751, THE CRETE BRANCH OF THIS ORGANIZATION WAS ORGANIZED IN MAY 1978 AT THE INITIATIVE OF THE FOREIGN LIAISON BUREAU OF THE ARAB PEOPLE'S CONGRESS.

4. MAURITANIA. MINISTER OF NATIONAL PRESIDENCY ABDALLAHI OULD BOYE ARRIVED IN TRIPOLI JUNE 17 IN THE UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 TRIPOL 00872 01 OF 02 230628Z

LATEST IN A SERIES OF HIGH-LEVEL LIBYAN-MAURITANIAN CONTACTS. FOREIGN SECRETARY TURAYKI HAD MET WITH MAURITANIAN FONMIN MOUKNASS EARLIER THIS MONTH IN NIAMEY, AND PRESIDENT OULD DADDAH AND OULD BOYE VISITED TRIPOLI IN APRIL. THE LIBYAN POSITION ON THE WESTERN SAHARA HAS HARDENED OVER THE PAST FEW WEEKS AND SPECULATION IN TRIPOLI IS THAT FUTURE LIBYAN AID TO MAURITANIA IS BEING TIED TO A SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE IN NOUAKCHOTT'S POSITION TOWARDS THE WESTERN SAHARA. ONE OF POLISARIO'S KEY FIGURES, MUHAMMAD AL-AMIN WILD AHMAD IS ALSO BELIEVED TO BE IN TRIPOLI AND CONTACT BETWEEN THE TWO MEN IS NOT RULED OUT.

5. NIGER. FOREIGN MINISTER DJERMAKOYE ARRIVED IN TRIPOLI JUNE 15 AND MET WITH QADHAFI AND OTHER FIGURES. PRESS CONFIRMS THAT DISCUSSIONS WERE FOCUSED ON THE SITUATION IN CHAD. DIPLOMATIC SOURCES STATE THAT QADHAFI FAILED TO GET OUTRIGHT NIGERIESE SUPPORT FOR A RESUMPTION OF THE RECONCILIATION TALKS IN TRIPOLI WITH DJERMAKOYE FAVORING FURTHER CONTACTS BETWEEN THE CONCERNED PARTIES DURING THE FORTHCOMING OAU FOREIGN MINISTER'S CONFERENCE IN KHARTOUM.

6. POLAND. A DELEGATION FROM THE POLISH INFORMATION MINISTRY ARRIVED IN BENGHAZI JUNE 14. NO DETAILS ON THE DELEGATION'S COMPOSITION WERE NOTED BY THE LOCAL MEDIA.

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 TRIPOL 00872 02 OF 02 230655Z
ACTION NEA-11

INFO OCT-01 AF-10 EUR-12 EA-12 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00
PM-05 H-02 INR-10 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-02
SP-02 SS-15 ICA-20 /110 W
-----026342 230658Z /11

R 221440Z JUN 78
FM AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5591
INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA
AMEMBASSY ANTANANARIVO
AMEMBASSY ATHENS
AMEMBASSY BERLIN
AMEMBASSY CANBERRA
AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM
AMEMBASSY LOME
AMEMBASSY NDJAMENA
AMEMBASSY NIAMEY
AMEMBASSY NOUAKCHOTT
AMEMBASSY SOFIA
AMEMBASSY TUNIS
AMEMBASSY WARSAW

UNCLAS SECTION 2 OF 2 TRIPOLI 0872

7. SEYCHELLES. AS REPORTED VICTORIA 0545 (NOTAL), DELEGATION HEADED BY MINISTER FOR INTERNAL AFFAIRS OGILVIE BERGOUIS ARRIVED IN LIBYA JUNE 13. LOCAL MEDIA HAS NOT YET REPORTED ANY DETAILS OF THE DISCUSSIONS, ALTHOUGH AFRICAN DIPLOMATS HERE NOTE THAT LIBYA IS INDEED PLANNING TO OPEN AN EMBASSY IN VICTORIA IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

8. TOGO. FOREIGN MINISTER KODJO VISITED LIBYA JUNE 15-16 CARRYING A LETTER FOR QADHAFI FROM TOGO PRESIDENT EYADEMA. SOURCES INDICATE DISCUSSION WAS LARGELY CENTERED ON TOGO'S PARTICIPATION IN THE SHABA PEACE-KEEPING

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 TRIPOL 00872 02 OF 02 230655Z

FORCE WHICH IS A SORE POINT IN LIBYAN-TOGOLESE RELATIONS.

9. TUNISIA. EDUCATION MINISTER MOHAMMED MZALI VISITED TRIPOLI JUNE 17-19 TO FOLLOW UP EARLIER BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS ON COOPERATION IN THE EDUCATIONAL FIELD. CONSIDERABLE PROMINENCE WAS GIVEN TO THIS VISIT, AND MZALI MET WITH PRACTICALLY THE SAME PERSONALITIES AS PRIMIN NOUIRA HAD ONE MONTH EARLIER INCLUDING GENERAL SECRETARIAT MEMBER AL-HUMAYDI, "PRIME MINISTER" AL-UBAYDI, AND THE EDUCATION, PLANNING, AND YOUTH SECRETARIES. A COOPERATION AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED JUNE 19 COVERING THE EXCHANGE OF EDUCATIONAL DELEGATIONS AND EXPERTISE. THE LIBYANS TRIED UNSUCCESSFULLY TO GAIN MZALI'S SUPPORT FOR INCREASED ARABICIZATION OF THE TECHNICAL TRAINING SYLLABI IN TUNISIA.

10. UNITED STATES. A DENTISTRY DELEGATION FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH ARRIVED IN BENGHAZI JUNE 14 AT THE INVITATION OF GAR YUNIS UNIVERSITY TO DISCUSS ESTABLISHING A COOPERATIVE DENTAL TRAINING PROGRAM (TRIPOLI 0869).

II. DEPARTURES --

11. EASTERN EUROPE. COLONEL QADHAFI AND A LARGE DELEGATION WHICH INCLUDED GENERAL SECRETARIAT MEMBER MUSTAFA AL-KHARUBI ARRIVED IN SOFIA JUNE 17 ON THE FIRST STOP AT WHAT APPEARS TO BE AN EXTENSIVE EASTERN EUROPEAN TOUR. THE LIBYAN LEADER WENT ON TO PRAGUE JUNE 20. OTHER STOPS ARE EXPECTED, INCLUDING EAST GERMANY, ALTHOUGH NO ITINERARY HAS BEEN OFFICIALLY MENTIONED HERE, AND MOST EAST BLOC AMBASSADORS ARE PROFESSING IGNORANCE OF HIS PLANS.

12. ETHIOPIA/UGANDA/TANZANIA. INFORMATION SECRETARY
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 TRIPOL 00872 02 OF 02 230655Z

MUHAMMAD ZUWAYY CONTINUES HIS SWING THROUGH AFRICA WITH STOPS IN ETHIOPIA (JUNE 15), WHERE HE MET WITH MENGISTU HAILE MARIAM; UGANDA (JUNE 17), WHERE HE DELIVERED A MESSAGE TO IDI AMIN; AND TANZANIA WHERE HE WILL ATTEND MEETINGS OF THE OAU LIBERATION COMMITTEE. ZUWAYY IS ATTEMPTING TO GENERATE SUPPORT FOR A "PROGRESSIVE FRONT" TO COUNTER ATTEMPTS BY MODERATE AFRICAN STATES TO ESTABLISH SOME KIND OF PEACE-KEEPING FORCE IN THE WAKE OF THE SHABA INVASION.

III. AGREEMENTS --

13. BULGARIA/LIBYA. A DOCUMENT ENVISIONING A FURTHER WIDENING OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND TRADE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES FOR 1978-85 WAS SIGNED IN SOFIA JUNE 20 AT THE CONCLUSION OF QADHAFI'S VISIT. INCREASED INTER-ACTION IN THE SPHERES OF AGRICULTURE, CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY, TRANSPORT, AND FURTHER SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION IS FORESEEN, AND THE POSSIBILITY FOR CONSTRUCTION BY BULGARIA OF VARIOUS INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS, HOTELS, HOSPITALS, ETC. WILL BE STUDIED.

14. MOZAMBIQUE/LIBYA. AN ACCORD ON ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION WAS SIGNED IN MAPUTO JUNE 19. ACCORDING TO RADIO TRIPOLI, THE AGREEMENT CALLS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF JOINT PROJECTS FOR COOPERATION IN IMPROVING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION. THE TWO SIDES ALSO AGREED TO ESTABLISH A JOINT FISHING COMPANY AND TO GIVE LIBYAN VESSELS THE RIGHT TO FISH IN MOZAMBIQUE'S WATERS AND TO USE ITS HARBORS. LIBYA ALSO AGREED TO SUPPLY MOZAMBIQUE WITH AID TO TRAIN SPECIALISTS IN THE AGRICULTURE AND ENERGY FIELDS. IN JUNE 1977, MOZAMBIQUE AND LIBYA SIGNED THREE AGREEMENTS IN THE FIELDS OF ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION, TRADE, AND CULTURE WHICH HAVE NOT YET BEEN IMPLEMENTED.

15. TUNISIA/LIBYA. AS NOTED PARAGRAPH 9, AN EDUCATION UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 04 TRIPOL 00872 02 OF 02 230655Z

COOPERATION AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED IN TRIPOLI JUNE 19. CARLE

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: POLITICAL SUMMARIES
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 22 jun 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 jan 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978TRIPOL00872
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780261-0987
Format: TEL
From: TRIPOLI
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780628/aaaaaykb.tel
Line Count: 258
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 23043a83-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION NEA
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 5
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 26 apr 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2235721
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: TRIPOLI WATCH: COMINGS AND GOINGS JUNE 11-20, 1978 I. ARRIVALS --
TAGS: PEPR, PINR, LY
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/23043a83-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014